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	Brenda Pham	2664	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-228 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,9,20-24,28,39-43,47,58-62,66,77-79,115-117,153-155 and 191-193 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8,10-19,25-27,29-38,44-46,48-57,63-65,67-76,80-114,118-152,156-190 and 194-228 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-228 are pending in this application.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 21 and 24 are objected to because of the following informalities: claim 21 recites "claim D20" should be corrected to "claim 20". Claim 24 recited "claim D23" should be corrected to "claim 23". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-5, 9, 20-24, 28, 39-43, 47, 58-62, 66, 77, 78-79, 115-117, 153, 154-155, 191, 192, 193 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Fite, Jr. (US 4,993,015).

Claims 1, 9, 20, 28, 39, 47, 58, 66, 77, 115, 153, 191, Fite, Jr. discloses a method, computer system and computer program product for communicating information regarding a failure comprising (see figure 1 and 4): generating failure information (402 of figure 4), wherein said failure affects a virtual path, said virtual path is between a first node and a second node, a first zone comprises said first node, and a second zone comprises said second node (column 3, line 30-40).

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Claims 2, 3, 21-22, 40-41, 59, Fite, Jr. further teach wherein said failure information comprises a zone identifier; determining said zone identifier by identifying a zone in which said failure has occurred (404).

Claims, 4-5, 23-24, 42-43, 60-62, 78-79, 116-117, 154-155, 192, 193, Fite, Jr. further teach wherein said failure information comprising an action code (515, 516 of figure 6).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 6-8, 10-19, 25-27, 29-38, 44-46, 48-57, 63-65, 67-76, 80-114, 118-152, 156-190, 194-228 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-3135. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin, can be reached on (571) 272-3134.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

September 26, 2005

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